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SUBJECT: US NAVAL VISIT TO MOGADISCIO

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1. I RAISED SHIP VISIT WITH SIAD DURING COURSE OUR MEETING FOLLOWING CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION. PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGED SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED EXTEND INVITATION (REF C) FOR A US NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO SOMALIA IN NEAR FUTURE. LOOKING SKYWARDS HE SAID PERIOD 9-12 SEPTEMBER FOLLOWS TOO CLOSELY AFTER BERBERA. CONSEQUENTLY HE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON A SEPTEMBER DATE. SUCH AN EARLY VISIT WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. RETURNING TO EYE LEVEL HE SAID HE STILL LOOKED FORWARD TO A US NAVAL VISIT BUT FOR THE TIME BEING QTE EVEN THOUGH THE SEA IS NOT SO ROUGH, THE WATERS ARE STILL UNSETTLED AND CLOUDY. UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: SIAD'S DECISION ON SEPTEMBER SHIP VISIT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME. I THINK IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO LET MATTER REST
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FOR TIME BEING UNTIL DUST KICKED UP BY BERBERA AFFAIR HAS PASSED

AND SIAD IS MORE CONFIDENT IN HIS UNDERSTANDING OF US INTENTIONS TOWARDS HIS REGIME. I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE WE CAN REALISTICALLY EXPECT HIM TO COMMIT HIMSELF ON SHIP VISIT UNTIL BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE REACHED POINT WHERE US SHIP VISIT CAN BE CONSIDERED BY HIS PEOPLE AND HIS GOVERNMENT AS NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF IMPROVING US-SOMALI RELATIONS. THIS WOULD ALSO REQUIRE MORE TANGIBLE SIGNS OF US PLANS TO ASSIST SOMALIA'S -- AND OTHER DONORS' -- MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND THE SDR'S DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. WE WILL RECOMMEND SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION. IN THE MEANTIME WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING SENATOR BARTLETT'S SECOND REPORT ON THE REFUGEE SITUATION ASAP (FINAL PARA PAGE ONE OF SENATOR'S REPORT ON SOV MIL CAPABILITY IN BERBERA JULY 15, 1975).
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